



CITY CLERK A. H. BARTLETT
... Seeks to Modernize Municipal Election Procedure

Express Parcel Delivery Sought for Beach Homes

An appeal to the Railway Express Agency to deliver parcels to Hollywood, Riviera, Seaside, Beaches, and Seaside Heights, was made this week by Commander William A. Mason, president of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association.

In his appeal, Mason pointed out that approximately 1000 families are now living in the three beach area residential sections. He indicated that planned construction in the Seaside Heights area would add an additional 300 families to the area.

He asked that the company alter its policy of no deliveries south of the Redondo Beach city boundary line. He said the policy was established by the company when there were only 50 families in the Hollywood Riviera section.

The agency which would service the district is located in Redondo Beach.

Yule Contest To Contain Two Divisions

The fourth annual Torrance Terrace Garden Club Christmas decoration contest will be judged in two separate divisions, according to an announcement this week by Mrs. William Scholl, an officer of the club.

Floral prizes will be awarded to the Torrance resident whose home is tops in the Christmas theme, and to those whose home fronts look the prettiest.

Residents who would like to have their homes judged by Garden Club members should call 376-3 or 2417-W, Mrs. Scholl advised.

CALIFORNIA TOPS

The California National Guard topped the nation in recruiting efforts at the close of the 1949 Fall Recruiting Campaign with a total of 5598 new citizen-soldiers enrolled, Major General Curtis D. O'Sullivan, Adjutant General, announced.

City Clerk Recommends Councilmanic Districts

With an eye to the municipal election in April, A. H. Bartlett, who already has started serving his second quarter of a century as Torrance City Clerk, laid down a political plank this week which will comprise the keystone of his platform in the spring.

Auto Burns As Fog Hampers Local Firemen

Blinded by a heavy fog Friday morning, Torrance Firemen were unable to reach the scene of a flaming automobile until the auto had burned almost to a total loss, according to records of Fire Chief John E. McMaster.

The fire started following a minor crash at Cabrillo and Santa Fe avenues at 7:30 a. m. Friday. Driver of the burned auto was listed as Paul A. Dearborn, 22, of 24708 Pennsylvania avenue, Lomita. Driver of the other auto was said to be Leonard Cozby, 24, 1106 El Prado.

There were no injuries, the records indicated. Three other autos crashed into the original two in the thick early morning murr.

Draft Registration

Those required to register with selective service can do so at 1327 Post avenue, Monday through Saturday between 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. All males are required to register if they are 18 years of age and not more than 25. Those reaching their 18th birthday must register within five days after their birthday.

Tax Guide Reveals Property Values

Valuation of property, both secured and unsecured in Torrance for 1949 is \$49,082,080, the Los Angeles County taxpayers' Guide reported this week. Last year the figure was \$43,425,900.

101 Crossing Nixed

Creation of a crosswalk on Highway 101 for children of the Hollywood Riviera district who attend Seaside school was termed "not feasible" last week by a representative of the State Division of Highways.

"Our city needs more equitable representation on the city council. It is time we elect our city fathers from councilmanic districts. The city should be divided into five districts of equal population with one councilman elected from each district," claims the venerable city official.

Basing his recommendations on 28 years experience as city clerk, Bartlett says that redistricting should be undertaken with each 25 percent increase in population.

"This," avers Bartlett, "always give the various sections of the city equal representation on the city council."

"I have watched Torrance grow from the time it was incorporated in 1921. When there were only 284 voters who voted on the measure, to a point where today we have 25 precincts—nearly all with more registered voters than voted in the incorporation election," the city clerk contended.

"Yet, we continue to elect our councilmen under the system inaugurated 28 years ago."

"It has long been a desire of mine to see a charter amendment passed which would give every resident in the city equal representation in city affairs."

"Believing I can be helpful in accomplishing this objective, I have decided to run for the office for another term."

Local Girl Now Stationed On Pacific Island

Miss Helen M. Ericson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ericson of 22407 South Denker, arrived in Okinawa in October, for work as department of the Army Civilian. She is assigned to the Civilian Personnel Section as clerk.

A 1948 graduate of Metropolitan School of Business, Miss Ericson was employed with the Civil Service in Korea as clerk-steno prior to her present position in Okinawa.

WISDOM—

A wise man has more ballast than sail.—Origin unknown.

Old Racket, New Twist

Chamber of Commerce Warns Mothers Against The Latest Television Talent Scout Dodge

The fake talent scout racket which has been plaguing Southern California and the nation for months has been set up in a new dress and is rapidly assuming the proportions of big business, according to the Tor-

rance Chamber of Commerce. Basically, the scheme is built on a parental love that makes every mother believe her child is "exceptional."

The principal operation here at present follows this pattern: Postcards are sent to thousands of parents with a message saying: "Your child is being considered for a part in a new television film. If you make an appointment with the casting department we will be glad to

conclude arrangements." The message is generally signed by someone using the title of casting director. Naturally, many ambitious mothers hustle their youngsters down to the studio. They find that a short is actually going to be made and that a part is available for their child. But, they also find it is necessary to pay a substantial sum ranging as much as \$100 or more for the privilege of getting into the act. As further inducement they

are promised a share of the profits of the film. And, oh yes, the film, of course, is to be sold for use as entertainment by television stations. However, boiled down the result is something like this: The film is made from money paid in by members of the cast. No one seems to know what happens to the film. At this point the Chamber of Commerce starts getting complaints.



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